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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JOYCE of Ohio (for himself and Mr. BLUMENAUER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening the  
5 Tenth Amendment Through Entrusting States Act” or  
6 the “STATES Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RULE REGARDING APPLICATION TO MARIHUANA.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part G of the Controlled Sub-  
3 stances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et seq.) is amended by adding  
4 at the end the following:

5 **“SEC. 710. RULE REGARDING APPLICATION TO MARI-**  
6 **HUANA.**

7 “(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
8 provisions of this title as applied to marihuana, other than  
9 the provisions described in subsection (c) and other than  
10 as provided in subsection (d), shall not apply to any person  
11 acting in compliance with state law relating to the manu-  
12 facture, production, possession, distribution, dispensation,  
13 administration, or delivery of marihuana

14 “(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
15 provisions of this title related to marihuana, other than  
16 the provisions described in subsection (c) and other than  
17 as provided in subsection (d), shall not apply to any person  
18 acting in compliance with the law of a Federally recog-  
19 nized Indian tribe within its jurisdiction in Indian Coun-  
20 try, as defined in section 1151 of title 18, United States  
21 Code, related to the manufacture, production, possession,  
22 distribution, dispensation, administration, or delivery of  
23 marihuana so long as such jurisdiction is located within  
24 a state that permits, respectively, manufacture, produc-  
25 tion, possession, distribution, dispensation, administra-  
26 tion, or delivery of marihuana.

1 “(c) The provisions described in this subsection are—

2 “(1) section 401(a)(1), with respect to a viola-  
3 tion of section 409 or 418;

4 “(2) section 409;

5 “(3) section 417; and

6 “(4) section 418.

7 “(d) Subsection (a) shall not apply to any person  
8 who—

9 “(1) violates the Controlled Substances Act  
10 with respect to any other controlled substance;

11 “(2) notwithstanding compliance with State or  
12 tribal law, knowingly or intentionally manufactures,  
13 produces, possesses, distributes, dispenses, admin-  
14 isters, or delivers any other marihuana in violation  
15 of the laws of the State or tribe in which such man-  
16 ufacture, production, possession, distribution, dis-  
17 pensation, administration, or delivery occurs; or

18 “(3) employs or hires any person under 18  
19 years of age to manufacture, produce, distribute,  
20 dispense, administer, or deliver marihuana.”.

21 (b) DEFINITION OF MARIHUANA.—Section 102(16)  
22 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802(16)) is  
23 amended—

24 (1) by striking “or the sterilized” and inserting  
25 “the sterilized”; and

1           (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-  
2           ing “, or industrial hemp (as defined in section  
3           7606(b) of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (7 U.S.C.  
4           5940(b))).”.

5 **SEC. 3. TRANSPORTATION SAFETY OFFENSES.**

6           Section 409 of the Controlled Substances Act (21  
7 U.S.C. 849) is amended—

8           (1) in subsection (b), in the matter preceding  
9           paragraph (1)—

10           (A) by striking “A person” and inserting  
11           “Except as provided in subsection (d), a per-  
12           son”; and

13           (B) by striking “subsection (b)” and in-  
14           serting “subsection (e)”;

15           (2) in subsection (c), in the matter preceding  
16           paragraph (1)—

17           (A) by striking “A person” and inserting  
18           “Except as provided in subsection (d), a per-  
19           son”; and

20           (B) by striking “subsection (a)” and in-  
21           serting “subsection (b)”;

22           (3) by adding at the end the following:

23           “(d) EXCEPTION.—Subsections (b) and (c) shall not  
24           apply to any person who possesses, or possesses with in-

1 tent to distribute marihuana in compliance with section  
2 710.”.

3 **SEC. 4. DISTRIBUTION TO PERSONS UNDER AGE 21.**

4 Section 418 of the Controlled Substances Act (21  
5 U.S.C. 859) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a), in the first sentence, by  
7 inserting “and subsection (c) of this section” after  
8 “section 419”;

9 (2) in subsection (b), in the first sentence, by  
10 inserting “and subsection(c) of this section” after  
11 “section 419”; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(c) Subsections (a) and (b) shall not apply to any  
14 person at least 18 years of age who distributes medicinal  
15 marihuana to a person under 21 years of age in compli-  
16 ance with section 710.”.

17 **SEC. 5. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Conduct in compliance with this  
19 Act and the amendments made by this Act—

20 (1) shall not be unlawful;

21 (2) shall not constitute trafficking in a con-  
22 trolled substance under section 401 of the Controlled  
23 Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 841) or any other provi-  
24 sion of law; and

1           (3) shall not constitute the basis for forfeiture  
2           of property under section 511 of the Controlled Sub-  
3           stances Act (21 U.S.C. 881) or section 981 of title  
4           18, United States Code.

5           (b) PROCEEDS.—The proceeds from any transaction  
6           in compliance with this Act and the amendments made  
7           by this Act shall not be deemed to be the proceeds of an  
8           unlawful transaction under section 1956 or 1957 of title  
9           18, United States Code, or any other provision of law.